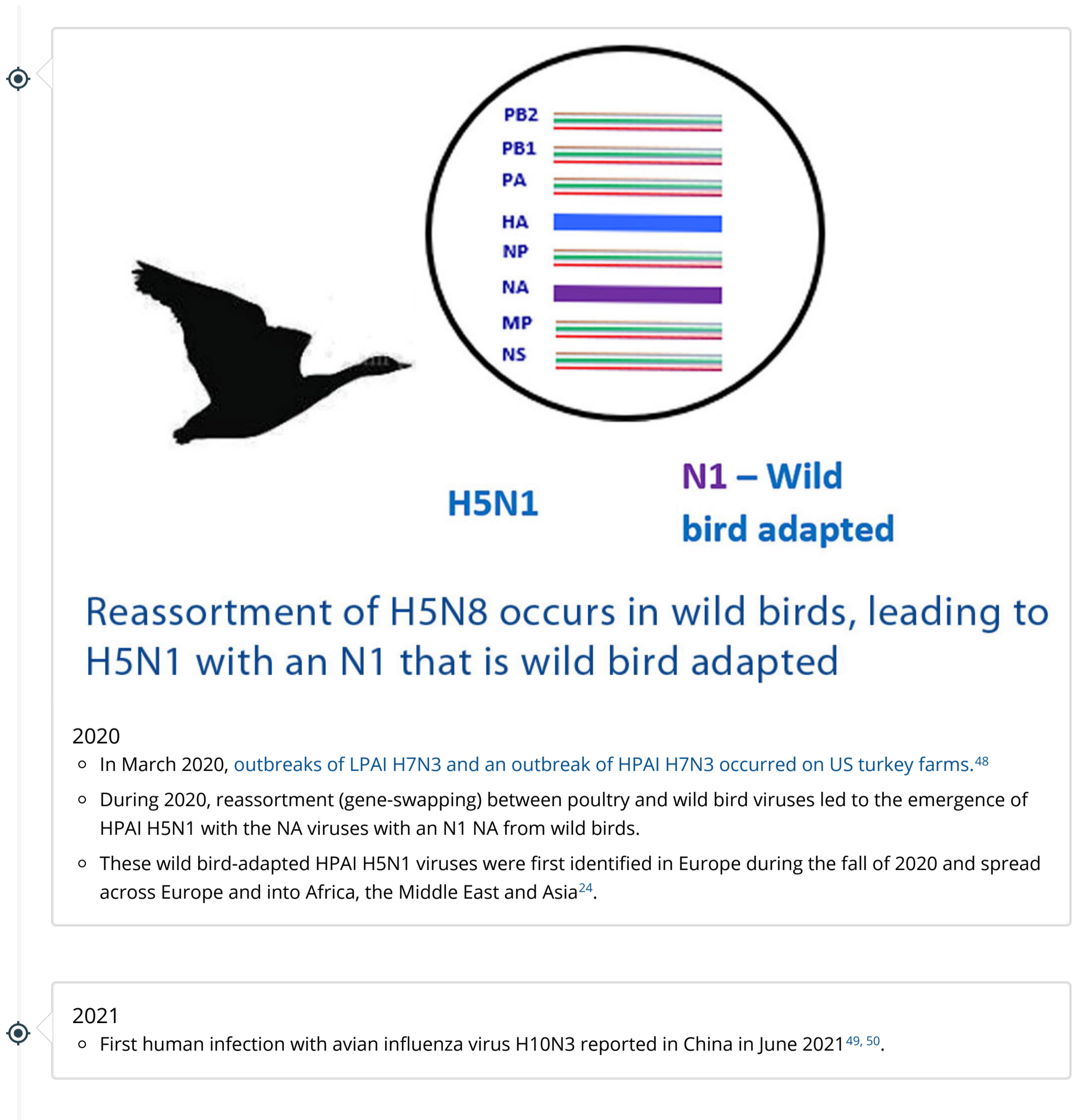


# Highlights in the History of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Timeline – 2020–2022

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## 2020s

The below timeline gives a summary of significant HPAI and LPAI outbreaks in birds, infections in people, and events from 2020–2022.





## 2022

- From late 2021 to 2022, the predominant HPAI H5 virus causing poultry outbreaks worldwide was the wild-bird adapted HPAI H5N1 virus, according to WHOA (formally known as [OIE](#) [\[610 KB, 6 pages\]](#) ).
- In January 2022, the first HPAI H5N1 virus (clade 2.3.4.4b) infection in wild birds in the United States since 2016 [was reported](#) by [USDA/APHIS](#) [\[link\]](#) . Additional detections in wild birds were subsequently reported, visit the [Current Situation Summary](#) page for more information.
- [In February 2022](#), USDA/APHIS [announced](#) an HPAI H5N1 outbreak in turkeys in a commercial poultry facility, marking the first HPAI detection in commercial poultry in the United States since 2020.
- In April 2022, the first human case of HPAI H5N1 virus [was reported](#) in the United States, though this detection may have been the result of contamination of the nasal passages with the virus rather than actual systemic infection.
- Also in April 2022, the first human infection with H3N8 virus was reported in China.